



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, today, more than ever, our citizen-soldiers and airmen are on point, delivering on this nation's commitment to fulfill America's worldwide leadership responsibilities. As we continue into the new millennium, our Army National Guard and Air National Guard contribute daily to our national defense strategy. Our military success lies in the strength and resolve of the men and women of our National Guard, who are uncompromising in their dedication to their nation, state, and community. As a community-based force, the National Guard provides America with an unprecedented return on its investment in tomorrow's peace; and

WHEREAS, while most Americans understand and deeply appreciate the strategic and military value of our National Guard, too often we fail to recognize or acknowledge the important contributions of their civilian employers. When called upon to share their greatest resource -- employees serving as citizen-soldiers and airmen -- these employers subordinate their own interests for the good of our country, often incurring financial hardship and organizational disruption. It is only because of the willingness by employers to place our nation and state's well-being above their own that our National Guard is able to provide mission-ready and accessible forces to help preserve our freedom and protect our national interests; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of these employers is key to enabling our National Guard to play an ever greater and more diverse role in our nation's Armed Forces. By setting aside this special time to honor the sacrifice of our nation's employers, we express our heartfelt appreciation to these patriots for helping to keep America strong, secure, and free;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 17 through 23, 2003, to be

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE